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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CANCELATION OF THIRD CAPE TO RIO YACHT RACE

1. THE THIRD CAPE TO RIO YACHT RACE, SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 10, MIGHT POSSIBLY NOT TAKE PLACE.
SABC ISSUED NEWS REPOT, JANUARY 1, THAT BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT
HAD CANCELED RACE, APPARENTLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS BECAUSE
OF ITS SOUTH AFRICAN CONNOTATIONS.

2. OFFICIALS OF SOUTH AFRICAN RACING TRUST, PRIME ORGANIZER
OF RACE, INFORM ME THEY UNDERSTAND BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT
ISSUED COMMUNIQUE FROM NATIONAL SPORTS DIRECTORATE STATING
RACE IS CANCELED AND THAT NO SHIP THAT MIGHT HAVE PARTICIPATED
WILL BE ALLOWED INTO BRAZILIAN WATERS. THEY ALSO INFORM ME,
IN CONFIDENCE, THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL HAS BEEN
RECALLED AS RESULT AND THAT MATTER IS NOW BEING DEALT
WITH BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY LEVEL.

3. CHAIRMAN OF RACING ORGANIZIANG COMMITTEE TELLS ME THAT
RACE WILL START AS SCHEDULED AND THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE
BEING DRAWN UP HOPEFULLY IN
COOPERARTION WITH FRENCH YACHTING ORGANIZATION, TO RUN RACE
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TO MARTINIQUE. IF RIO RACE DEFINITELY OFF AND MARTINIQUE RACE

SUBSTITUTED, THIS WILL ELIMINATE A NUMBER OF ENTRANTS, BECAUSE
OF LONGER DISTANCE INVOLVED.

4. CAPE TO RIO RACE IS AN IMPORTANT YACHTING EVENT. SOME
120-130 SHIPS, CARRYING FLAGS OF 17 NATIONS AND WITH CREWS
TOTALLING ABOUT 900 PERSONS WERE EXPECTED TO RUN IN THIS
YEAR'S RACE. SIX OF THESE SHIPS ARE US FLAG SHIPS.
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